

The Amended Sheet of the specification on page 5 is changed to read:

It must be pointed out that the belt (C) is fastened on the outside of the back transversal border (3), on the sheet which remains on the external side of the pant when the incontinence pad is used.

~~Moreover, the central section of the belt (CE) has a monolithic structure and is not connected with the right and left ends of the belt (C).~~

As mentioned earlier, the function of the semi-belts (4, 5) is to connect the front border (2) and back border (3) of the incontinence pad (1) from both sides, thus surrounding the user's hips without preventing perspiration.

Claim 1 (currently amended) Incontinence pad, of the type comprising a front transversal border (2) and a back transversal border (3) designed to assume a pant-like shape leaving the hips uncovered when the pad is worn and a belt (C) fastened to the back border (3) and long enough to surround the waist and be fixed on the outside of the front border (2), it being provided that a central section (CE) of the belt (C) is fastened on the outside of the back border (3) and features right and left ends (4, 5) designed to surround and be fastened on the outside of the front border (2) when the pad is used; incontinence pad characterised in that:

said right and left ends (4, 5) of the belt (C) are folded and compressed one against the other and both against the external side of said central section (CE) of the belt (C), when the pad is not used;

the folded right and left ends (4, 5) of the belt (C) are also compressed by means of lamination, it being provided that the surface of at least one of the lamination rolls features a dense regular series of small points capable of perforating the overlapped layers of the ends (4, 5), ~~including the central section (CE) of the belt (C) so that all the folded and overlapped sections (4, 5 and CE) of the belt (C) adhere and to each other, thus allowing unfolding with minimum traction of ends (4 and 5), when the pad is used.~~

Claim 2 (original) Incontinence pad as defined in claim 1, characterised by the fact that the free end of the left semi-belt (5) is internally provided with an adhesive insert (5a) that allows for fastening it on the external side of the right semi-belt (4) after overlapping the semi-belts on the incontinence pad (1).

Claim 3 (currently amended) Incontinence pad as defined in claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterised by the fact that the belt (C) is made of single layer transversally non-elastic material, consisting in "non woven" co-extruded fibres.

Claim 4 (currently amended) Incontinence pad as defined in claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterised by the fact that the belt (C) is made of double-layer transversally non-elastic material, consisting in "non woven" co-extruded fibres.

Claim 5 (currently amended) Incontinence pad as defined in claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterised by the fact that the belt (C) is made of composite material (partially elastic and partially rigid) of co-extruded or laminated fibres.